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SUBJECT: SCED/DDI DISPUTE

1. DDI DIRECTOR COPPERMAN HAS GIVEN ME TEXT OF TELEGRAM SENT TO PRESIDENT BOKASSA AUGUST 26 BY FORMER SECRETARY ROGERS. ESSENCE OF TELEX IS STATEMENT THAT JOLIS, TOGETHER WITH COMINCO REP AND REP FROM ROGERS' LAW FIRM ARE WILLING TO COME TO BANGUI IN PERIOD SEPTEMBER 20-27 TO MEET WITH BOKASSA. TELEX REFERS TO MY CONVERSATION WITH BOKASSA AND HIS DESIRE TO FIND A FRIENDLY AND EQUITABLE SOLUTION TO THE COMINCO/DDI/SCED AFFAIR. IT ALSO EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT WITH GOODWILL AND SPIRIT OF COOPERATION OF ALL INTERESTED PARTIES A MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY SOLUTION CAN BE FOUND.

2. COMMENT: TONE OF TELEGRAM STRIKES ME AS BEING JUST RIGHT: CONCILIATORY FRIENDLY AND COOPERATIVE. IN THE COURSE OF A MEETING ON ANOTHER SUBJECT WITH MFA SECRETARY GENERAL MAMADOU TODAY I EXPRESSED MY HOPE THAT RESPONSE TO TELEX WOULD BE POSITIVE SO THAT WE COULD REMOVE THIS ISSUE FROM OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS. IF APPROPRIATE OCCASIONS PRESENT THEMSELVES IN NEXT WEEKS I WILL TAKE SIMILAR POSITION WITH BANGUI-TANDET AND FOREIGN MINISTER. I WOULD EXPECT POSITIVE RESPONSE UNLESS PRESIDENT BOKASSA HAS TRAVEL PLANS (FYI. THERE ARE RUMORS OF SEPTEMBER VISIT TO PEKING.

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